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Euee-Seon JANG et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2613  
Application No.: 09/396,470 ) Examiner: B. Senfi  
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For: METHOD OF PROGRESSIVELY ) Attn: BOX AF  
CODING/DECODING 3-D MESH )  
INFORMATION AND APPARATUS )  
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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated August 16, 2002, the shortened period for response to which extends through to November 16, 2002, reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks:

**1. Claims 1 and 19 Recite a Novel Combination of Features**

The Office maintained the rejection of claims 9 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U. S. Patent No. 6,262,737 to Li et al. (hereinafter, *Li*). Applicants continue to traverse this rejection and offer the following additional observations.

**1.1 Claim 9**

Claim 9 is directed to a progressive 3-D mesh information coding/decoding method that comprises extracting one or more independent mesh object layers from a 3-D